

**Conclusions**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections, and timely allowance of all pending claims.

Applicant also requests that the Examiner rejoin the nonelected claims (i.e., claims 7, 10, 15, 19, 22, 42, 45, 50, 54, and 57) and allow them because each of these claims depends from an allowable base claim.

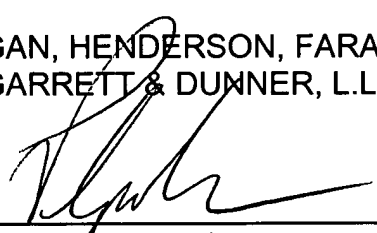
The Office Action contains statements and characterizations regarding the claims and the related art. Applicant declines to subscribe automatically to any statement or characterization in the Office Action, regardless of whether it is addressed above.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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